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SUBJECT: JORDAN PRESS ANNOUNCES FAILURE OF HAWK MISSILES

1. MAJOR JORDANIAN DIALY AR RAYY APRIL 8 ANNOUNCED UNDER HEADLINE A STATEMENT BY KING HUSSEIN DURING LOS ANGELOS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT "THE MISSILE DEAL WITH AMERICAN HAS FAILED: WE SHALL GO ELSEWHERE." TEXT OF AR RAYY ARTICLE STATED THT "KING HUSSEIN ANNOUNCED DURING PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT TIME OF HIS (LOS ANGELOS SPEECH THAT THE MISSILE DEAL CONCLUDED WITH THE US TO SUPPLY JORDAN WITH A TOTAL OF 14 HAWK BATTERIES HAS FAILED AND WE SHALL NOW HEAD FOR SOMEWHERE ELSE:.

2. AL RAYY ALSO CARRIED FOLLOWING STORY ON FRONT PAGE "A FRENCH NEWS AGENCY REPORT FROM THE US SAID THE AMERICAN RAYTHEON COMPANY DELCARED YESTERDAY IT HAS STOPPED THE MANUFACTURE OF THE HAWK MISSILES DESTINED FOR JORDAN AND HAS DISCHARGED AROUND 50 PERSONS WHO WERE WORKING WITH THE COMPANY. THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY ADDED THAT THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AFFIRMED THAT THE DELIVERY OF THE

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MISSILE SHIPMENTS TO JORDAN HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

3. FOLLOWING ARTICLE ALSO APPEARD ON FRONT PAGE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES ON APRIL 8. "IN A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE HIS (LOS ANGELOS) SPEECH, KING HUSSEIN SAID THAT A DEAL FOR THE US TO PROVIDE 14 BATTERIES OF HAWK MISSILES FOR JORDAN'S DEFENSE HAS FALLEN THROUGH. HE SAID THE ARMS DEAL HAS CALLAPSED BECAUSE THE SAUDI ARABIANS WHO WERE TO PROVIDE THE MONEY FOR THE MISSILES HAD NOT COME THROUGH WITH THE MONEY THE US WAS NOW ASKING FOR. QUOTE (KING HUSSEIN) AS A RESULT WE BELIEVE WE OW THE UNITED STATES SOME \$12 MILLION FOR WHATHAS BEEN MANUFACTURED ALREADY AND AS SOON AS WE KNOW WHAT THE FINAL SAUDI POSITION IS ON WHAT THEY AR ABLE TO GIVE US, WE WILL SETTLE THAT (DEBT) AND LOOK ELSEWHERE. END QUOTE HE SAID (KING HUSSEIN)."

4. COMMENT: PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS OF KING HUSSEIN REMARKS HAVE CAUGHT LOCAL JORDANIANS CONSIDERABLY BY SURPRISE. UP TILL NOW GOJ HAD SCRUPULOUSLY KEP OFT OF THE LOCAL PRESS VARIOUS REMAKRS FROM KING HUSSEIN DURING HIS US VISIT SUGGESTING THAT GOJ WAS HAVING PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING ADEQUATE FINANCING FOR FULL 14 BATTERY HAWK AND VULCAN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. WITH KING,PM, AND CHIEF OF STAFF ALL CURENTLY OUT OF COU TRY ON VISIT TO CANADA EVEN JORDANIAN MILITARY APPEARS TO BE LACKING CURRENT INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH THEY WEE GENERALLY AWARE OF HAWK MISSILE FINANCING PROBLEMS PRIOR TO KINGS VISIT TO US. BRIGADIER ABOUD SALEM HASSAN COMMANDER OF ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORECE PHONED AIR ATTACHE APRIL 8 ASKING HIM FOR CONFIRM OR DENY ABOVE

PRESS REPORTS. AIR ATTACHE INFORMED HIM THAT BEST INFORMATION AVAIL TO US INDICATED THAT DEAL WAS STILL IN HOLD STATUS AND THAT EFFORT WERE BEING MADE TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION

5. LATEST STATEMENT WE HAVE SEEN OF KINGS REMAKRS ON HAWK WEE ON APRIL 4 "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" ADMITTEDLY PRIOR TO LOS ANGELOS SPEECH IN WHICH KING INDICATED JORDAN WAS GAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING ADEQUATE FINANCING FOR THE HAWKS BUT KINGS REMARKS WEE FAR LESS CATEGORICALY THAN HIS LATEST REPORED REMARKS IN LOS ANGELOS IN SUGGESTING THAT AIR DEFENSE DEAL HAS FAILED.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM DEPT ON RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES THAT KINGS REPORTED REMARKS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GENERATE. ALSO APPRECIATE RECEICING TEXT OF KING HUSSEINS REMARKS ON HAWK DEAL DURING LOS ANGELOS PRESS CONFERENCE.

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